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SENATOR CUDABACK: The Brashear amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is from Senator Brashear. Senator, this is FA401. (Legislative Journal page 1674.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, to open on FA401.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, FA401 further refines the definition of a gift. The definition of "gift" used in the lobbying sections of the act has contained an exception for occasional transportation within the state of Nebraska to an officeholder. The amendment would strike the phrase "to an officeholder". None of the other substantive portions or exceptions to the definition of "gift" is limited that way. Moreover, although the terms "public official, official in the executive branch, and official in the legislative branch" are defined, the term "officeholder" is nowhere defined in the act. The effect of this amendment would be to allow occasional trans...provision of transportation to persons who are covered by the act. The amendment brings clarity and improved enforceability. I would urge its adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on FA401. Open for discussion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Brashear, did you wish to close? Senator Brashear waives closing. The question is FA401 to AM3321 to LB 1021. All in favor of the question vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on FA401 to AM3321. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays on the adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Brashear amendment, FA401, is adopted. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Wickersham. Senator, this is FA402. (Legislative